

Table 55.
Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application,
and program, 1992–2002

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>All ages ^b</i>									
1992	479,152	74,500	15.5	234,057	38,371	16.4	245,095	36,129	14.7
1993	557,384	75,559	13.6	280,174	38,663	13.8	277,210	36,896	13.3
1994	571,602	73,734	12.9	290,341	36,826	12.7	281,261	36,908	13.1
1995	522,987	66,780	12.8	275,013	33,432	12.2	247,974	33,348	13.4
1996	480,593	65,357	13.6	249,224	32,511	13.0	231,369	32,846	14.2
1997	409,396	62,509	15.3	208,993	31,881	15.3	200,403	30,628	15.3
1998	390,212	61,279	15.7	203,132	31,819	15.7	187,080	29,460	15.7
1999	382,196	55,646	14.6	197,671	28,503	14.4	184,525	27,143	14.7
2000	382,757	53,194	13.9	192,285	26,459	13.8	190,472	26,735	14.0
2001	403,402	52,041	12.9	197,161	25,075	12.7	206,241	26,966	13.1
2002	393,638	39,937	10.1	187,438	20,025	10.7	206,200	19,912	9.7
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	49,099	9,570	19.5	44,562	8,590	19.3	4,537	980	21.6
1993	75,816	11,440	15.1	69,176	10,355	15.0	6,640	1,085	16.3
1994	91,854	11,475	12.5	83,789	10,461	12.5	8,065	1,014	12.6
1995	86,651	10,459	12.1	79,397	9,625	12.1	7,254	834	11.5
1996	74,836	9,646	12.9	68,797	8,863	12.9	6,039	783	13.0
1997	51,365	8,583	16.7	47,131	7,883	16.7	4,234	700	16.5
1998	49,909	8,042	16.1	45,989	7,417	16.1	3,920	625	15.9
1999	49,456	7,476	15.1	45,465	6,839	15.0	3,991	637	16.0
2000	48,361	7,514	15.5	44,462	6,951	15.6	3,899	563	14.4
2001	49,211	7,475	15.2	45,507	6,973	15.3	3,704	502	13.6
2002	48,697	6,512	13.4	45,412	6,100	13.4	3,285	412	12.5

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 55.

Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2002—*Continued*

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	429,944	64,891	15.1	189,409	29,744	15.7	240,535	35,147	14.6
1993	481,434	64,074	13.3	210,882	28,268	13.4	270,552	35,806	13.2
1994	479,439	62,150	13.0	206,253	26,260	12.7	273,186	35,890	13.1
1995	435,988	56,205	12.9	195,281	23,695	12.1	240,707	32,510	13.5
1996	403,309	54,199	13.4	178,404	22,458	12.6	224,905	31,741	14.1
1997	355,514	52,601	14.8	159,694	22,951	14.4	195,820	29,650	15.1
1998	337,411	51,772	15.3	154,436	23,052	14.9	182,975	28,720	15.7
1999	330,830	47,265	14.3	150,460	20,866	13.9	180,370	26,399	14.6
2000	332,767	44,919	13.5	146,383	18,877	12.9	186,384	26,042	14.0
2001	352,675	43,843	12.4	150,368	17,551	11.7	202,307	26,292	13.0
2002	343,338	32,647	9.5	140,650	13,329	9.5	202,688	19,318	9.5

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2003.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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